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1. THE UK HAS AGAIN REQUESTED THAT US COSPONSOR A
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RESOLUTION (TEXT IN REF A) IT INTENDS TO PRESENT TO

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FEBRUARY 23 IAEA BG MEETING WHICH ENVISAGES THE IAEA'S DEVELOPING NPT-TYPE SAFEGUARDS FOR APPLICATION IN COUNTRIES WHICH FOR "POLITICAL" REASONS DO NOT WISH TO RATIFY THE NPT.

2. BECAUSE OF THE HISTORY OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BRITISH CONCERNING THE LONDON NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS' GUIDE-LINES, THE US HAS AN OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT, AND AT UK REQUEST IS CONSIDERING COSPONSORING, THEIR IAEA INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, DEPT. RECOGNIZES THAT THIS RESOLUTION COULD POSSIBLY COMPLICATE GOJ'S EFFORT TO OBTAIN DIET RATIFICATION OF NPT SHOULD OPPONENTS OF RATIFICATION SEIZE UPON IT TO ARGUE THAT JAPAN SHOULD ACCEPT SUCH SAFEGUARDS RATHER THAN RATIFY TREATY. EMBASSY'S MOST

RECENT ASSESSMENT (REF D) NOTES AGAIN THAT CONCERN ABOUT FUTURE NUCLEAR SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES FOR NON-NPT PARTIES CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT RATIONALE CITED BY ADVOCATES OF RATIFICATION.

3. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT JAPAN HAS INFORMED UK (REF C) THAT IT WILL NOT COSPONSOR RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF THE DELICATE DOMESTIC SITUATION REGARDING DIET RATIFICATION OF NPT, BUT DEPT. IS NOT IN POSITION TO FULLY ASSESS RESOLUTION'S POSSIBLE IMPACT ON JAPANESE RATIFICATION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF EMBASSY BELIEVES RESOLUTION IS UNLIKELY TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT ON RATIFICATION PROSPECTS, DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE ASAP SO THAT WE MAY INFORM UK PROMPTLY OF OUR DECISION.

5. IF YOU BELIEVE RESOLUTION IS LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFI-CANT NEGATIVE IMPACT, EMBASSY SHOULD REVIEW ISSUE WITH PM DIRECTOR VEST WHEN HE ARRIVES IN TOKYO AND DISCUSS MATTER WITH FONOFF, BEFORE REPORTING TO DEPT.
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